

REMARKS:

The Advisory Action dated August 7, 2008 made two remarks in the *Continuation Sheet*. Applicants duly note the correction to the section of the MPEP. Secondly, the Advisory Action stated that the applicants have not provided a clear nexus between the claimed area percentages of γ/γ' -eutectoid and the cooling rates that result in the area percentage of 1-15% as claimed in the present invention.

Applicants respectfully refer to page 10, line 21 to page 11, line 1 of the specification. The lower limit 1% is explained as necessary for castability. Furthermore, the specification states that for values of less than 1% for the area percentage of γ/γ' -eutectoid, voids may occur at the last stage of casting that result in less reliability of the product wheels. The same section of the specification states that values of more than 15% for the area percentage of γ/γ' -eutectoid may result in the beginning point of fracture, which reduces the durability of the product.

Applicants also refer to Table 5 on page 17 of the specification that provides data to support the statements in the specification relating to the area percentage of γ/γ' -eutectoid of 1-15%. Applicants particularly refer to Example Nos. 8A and 9A of Table 5 that show data for the area percentage of γ/γ' -eutectoid for more than 15% and less than 1% respectively. These data results further support applicants statements made on page 10, line 12 to page 11, line 1 of the specification discussed above. Specifically, Example 3A in Table 5 shows that the creep property data are significantly outside the ranges shown for Example Nos. 8 and 9 that represent area percentages γ/γ' -eutectoid of 1-15% as presently claimed. Example 9A reports that “many casting defects occurred” at an area percentage of less than 1%, which is outside the area percentage γ/γ' -eutectoid of 1-15% as presently claimed.

Based on the foregoing arguments, applicants have overcome the objection stated in the Advisory Action dated August 7, 2008 by providing a clear nexus between the claimed area percentages of γ/γ' -eutectoid of 1-15% as presently claimed and the cooling rates that result in these area percentages. Applicants respectfully request that the examiner reconsider and withdraw this objection.

Based on the above, a formal allowance of claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 8 is respectfully requested. While it is believed that all the claims in this application are in condition for allowance, should the examiner have any comments or questions, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be telephoned at the below listed number to resolve any outstanding issues.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee therefor, as well as any other fees which become due, may be charged to our deposit account No. 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,
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